

REMARKS

Claims 28-41 and 43-55 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 28, 29 and 32 are further amended. These amendments to claims 28 and 29 presume entry of the Amendment April 30, 2004 and are further amendments thereto. The amendment to claim 32 corrects a typographical error.

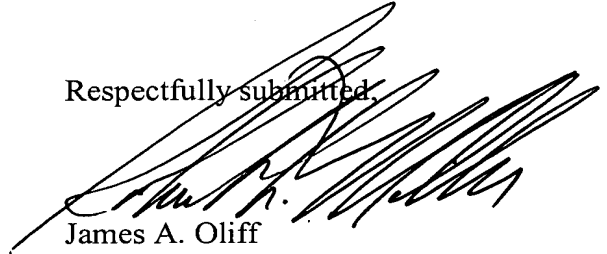
Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Fischer during the June 10 and 22 telephone interviews. Applicant's summary of those telephone interviews is incorporated into the remarks below.

During the telephone interviews, the December 30, 2003 mailed Office Action and the April 30, 2004 filed Amendment were discussed. Applicant's representative, Mr. Thielman, reviewed the amendments as found in the filed Amendment and addressed the arguments found therein pointing out the distinctions between the claimed invention and the applied art. The Examiner indicated that the redundant limitation rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, fourth paragraph, as applied to claim 29, had been overcome. The Examiner also stated that he was not sure that the amendments placed the application in condition for allowance and suggested further amendments to claim 28 that he believed would distinguish over both the applied art and other art that might be applicable to the claims as amended on April 30, 2004.

Claims 28 and 29 have been further amended herein in the manner discussed. Thus, for all the reasons presented in the Amendment filed April 30, 2004, and for the further claim amendments found herein, it is submitted that claims 28-41 and 43-55 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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